

# Work Group to Re-envision the Jail Replacement Project

Small Group Activity Template– Intercepts 0-2

## GROUP #1

**Instructions:**

The following table lists Key Events and Potential Strategies for SIM Intercepts 0 to 2, as detailed in the Issue Brief. The list of potential strategies gives ideas offered by Work Group members during interviews, and potential strategies identified by the Technical Support Team. *The Examples of Potential Strategies* column is not intended to be comprehensive or to suggest order of importance, rather the examples are intended to stimulate discussion and result in the development of strategies that the WG members believe show the most promise to **reduce the jail population and close CJ’s 3 & 4**. The WG ideas will be documented in the column titled “*Work Group Strategies for further Consideration.*” As WG members develop new or bring forward ideas from existing efforts, please think about the following two questions:

- Which of these strategies do you believe is **most promising** for reducing the jail population and closing CJ #3 & 4?
- Which of these strategies do you believe will have an **immediate impact** (by 2020)?

Intercept	Key Events	Examples of Potential Strategies	Work Group Strategies for further Consideration
<b>Intercept 0-Community</b>		<p><b>Work Group Member Interviews:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prioritize housing placements for individuals involved in the criminal justice system.</i></li> <li>• Increase the number of psychiatric beds available.</li> <li>• <i>Integrate physician recommendations into the Courts’ case review process.</i></li> <li>• Increase the number of beds for step-down residential behavioral health care.</li> <li>• <i>Expand police accountability and transparency.</i></li> <li>• Review detentions on quality of life and failure to appear infractions for individuals unable to pay fines.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Expand 24/7 non-law enforcement resources.</b> For example, HOT does not currently operate through the night and on weekends.</li> <li><b>2. Have roving City-provided workers trained in mental health and de-escalation who are not law enforcement.</b> These workers could ride with police or be on call for designated situations.</li> <li><b>3. Identify resource chain and focus on developing resources “upstream” of programs like HOT</b> to target those who do not yet need high intensity services.</li> <li><b>4. Prioritize the development of more centers like Dore Urgent Care Center (DUCC) all around the city.</b> Rather than having more beds at one site, have more sites with roughly 12 beds each.</li> <li><b>5. Prioritize the development of affordable housing with mixed spaces.</b> Buildings with congregate, mixed, etc. housing would fit all needs of the population.</li> </ol>

*\*Group suggested that the potential strategies italicized above belong in Intercept 1.*

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<b>Intercept 1- Law Enforcement and Emergency Services</b>	Law enforcement requested to do a welfare check, no crime has occurred	<p><b>Work Group Member Interviews:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create coordinated/joint response teams to de-escalate and divert individuals with behavioral health needs.</li> <li>• Place mental health crisis call workers into the 911 call center.</li> <li>• Create a pre-arrest, pre-booking triage center for diversion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Technical Support Team:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish new Navigation Center serving homeless individuals with behavioral health needs.</li> <li>• Create citywide policies and procedures to prioritize a client’s behavioral health needs.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Welfare checks could be conducted by trained employees who are not part of the criminal justice system.</b> Calls that come in through 911 would be routed specifically to these employees.</li> <li><b>2. Look into having SFPD crisis intervention advocates.</b> Alternatively, these workers would be within SFPD but would be counselors trained in addressing mental health distress.</li> <li><b>3. Change DPH policy so that someone who has been in an Acute Diversion Unit (ADU) can progress to a residential unit.</b> Currently individuals who are in a short-term crisis residential program cannot transition to a residential unit (look into specifics).</li> </ol>
	Law enforcement arrests and detains an individual after a crime has occurred	<p><b>Technical Support Team:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a 47 bed behavioral health program at General Hospital to provide voluntary mental health and substance use disorder treatment services.</li> <li>• End housing for federal detainees.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Look into diversion options like Seattle’s LEAD pilot program.</b> Develop (pilot) a program in which law enforcement officers can redirect low-level offenders to community-based services instead of jail and prosecution.</li> <li><b>2. Expand wraparound services like HERO programs</b> which provide congregate housing with services that promote life engagement.</li> <li><b>3. Explore other options besides jail for those with mental health issues.</b> Jail is not an appropriate place for individuals experiencing mental health crises.</li> </ol>

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<b>Intercept 2 – Initial Detention and Initial Hearing</b>	Cite and release from County Jail		<b><i>Group will discuss Intercept #2 at the 6/10 Work Group meeting.</i></b>
	Release on Own Recognizance (OR)	<b>Work Group Interviews:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the success rate of pretrial diversion programs and expand on what works.</li> </ul> <b>Technical Support Team:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop an open court system to determine the release of individuals on pre-arraignment OR.</li> </ul>	
	Release on bail	<b>Work Group Interviews:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsidize bail to reduce or eliminate bail payment.</li> <li>• Increase staffing of the Public Defender’s Bail Unit.</li> </ul> <b>Technical Support Team:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reform or abolish the cash bail system</li> <li>• Replace cash bail with risk-based release decisions</li> <li>• Reduce bail amounts</li> </ul>	

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<b>Intercept #2 (Continued)</b>			
	Comprehensive Health Assessments		
	Jail Classification and Housing Determination		
	Charging (Filing) Decision	<b>Technical Support Team:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze District Attorney charging decisions to determine how to reduce unnecessary</li> </ul>	

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		<p>arrests and bookings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assign District Attorney prosecutors, paralegals, and staff to make charging decisions on weekends to reduce length of stay.</li></ul>	